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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Re: Docket 2011-012; Cause No. 142-05

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), acting in its Trust capacity on behalf of the Ute Indian Tribe, is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Board) on July 27, 2011. Notice on this matter was given to the BLM timely. The proposal would affect Indian trust minerals held for the benefit of the Ute Indian Tribe. In matters such as this affecting Indian trust mineral estate, by Federal regulation the BLM must concur with or accept the proposal before it is effective.

Upon contacting Ute Energy about their request before the Board, technical data was provided associated with the request. We have reviewed the information provided, as well as coordinated the proposal with the Ute Indian Tribe. Consequently, we are in a position where we can inform the Board that the BLM supports Ute Energy's ("Petitioners") request for Agency Action in the above referenced matter.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (435) 781-4440.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of July 2011.

Sincerely,

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